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SUBJ: AIRCRAFT USER CHARGES -- SHANWICK OCEANIC CONTROL

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTTEL, EMBASSY APPROACHED MARINE/TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OF FCO IN AUGUST 1974. AS A RESULT WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY (CAA) THAT THE UK MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF OVERFLIGHTS IN THE SHANWICK OCEANIC CONTROL AREA BY "USAF AIRCRAFT". AS OF 9 JULY THE AMOUNT OF UNPAID INVOICES WAS POUNDS 207,576 AND THE MOD WILL MEET THESE AND ACCRUING FUTURE CHARGES.

2. THE UK CAA HAS REQUESTED THAT THE USAF "CERTIFY" ALL INVOICES ISSUED TO DATE AND THAT THEY BE FORWARDED "FOR AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT". IT IS CLEAR THAT WE NOW HAVE A PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED WHICH WILL DISPOSE OF OUR PAST PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, SINCE THE LETTER OF CONFIRMATION FROM THE BRITISH ADDRESSES ONLY UK "RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF SHANWICK CHARGES INCURRED BY USAF AIRCRAFT...", WE BELIEVE IT PRUDENT THAT THE EMBASSY ACKNOWLEDGE FORMALLY IN BEHALF OF USG THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY 9 JULY

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LETTER SENT TO THE USAF AND AT THE SAME TIME

USE LANGUAGE WHICH EXTENDS UK RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT
OF SHANWICK CHARGES FROM "USAF AIRCRAFT" FOR OBVIOUS
REASONS TO "ALL US MILITARY AIRCRAFT". WITH YOUR CONCUR-
RENCE WE SHALL SO PROCEED.

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